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"KEY WEST - (UPI) - Nobody was home on No Name Key Thursday when federal and county officers invaded the brush-covered islet which has served as training headquarters for would-be Cuban guerrilla fighters.

"Nearly a dozen officers from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, County Justice of the Peace, U.S. customs and immigration services arrived in the area in two squad cars, boarded a Coast Guard boat and swooped down on the island.

"They came in answer to a complaint from Webb Robinson of Key West, who claimed the guerrilla trainees had broken into his fishing camp on the island to steal and destroy property.

"Residents of neighboring islands also had reported that about 40 men had been landed on the island one recent night to augment a group of about 20 men already living there.

"Although raiding officers could find no one on the island Thursday, Sheriff Henry Haskins reported discovery of plenty of evidence someone had been there, including a pot of rice still cooking over a campfire. There also was evidence of destruction of property at Robinson's fishing camp, the sheriff said.

"As a result of the raid, Haskins said he had issued orders that no one shall be permitted to live on No Name Key henceforth.

"A towering, bearded soldier of fortune, calling himself Jerry Patrick, has openly trained American and Cuban youths desiring to fight the Castro regime in Cuba on No Name Key at various times in the past year. Most activities of the so-called 'Patrick's Raiders' or 'Interpen' standing for International Penetration Force, have been kept under surveillance by federal authorities.

"Patrick and a goup of his men were arrested by federal officers last year as they boarded a boat with arms. They denied charges that they were embarking on a raid against Cuba and later were released to return to No Name Key.

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A secret underground anti-Castro group has been organized in Cuba. It is called the Movimiento de Rebeldia Nacional, and has as its objectige the destruction of the Communist dictatorship. It is apolitical and appeals to all Cubans to aid in the struggle.

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"Tony Varona, head of the once-wealthy Cuban Revolutionary Council, was told Thursday he'd better get a job to support his recently divorced wife and his two daughters.

"Varona was secretary of the Council at the time it was the middleman for the U.S. sponsored anti-Castro invasion of Cuba.

"The back-to-work suggestion came from Circuit Judge Ray Pearson as the judge granted Varona's wife, Emelina Ruisanchez, her divorce.

"Varona, who once was a Cuban prime minister and president of the Senate, claimed his only income was $300 a month supplied by 'a rich wealthy Cuban.'"

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